XXXIV. *On the Dates of the Publications of the Entomological Society of London.* By the Rev. G. Wheeler, M.A., F.Z.S.

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Some months ago I was instructed by the Council, as a part of my secretarial work, to find out as far as possible, from the printers who had from time to time been employed by the Society, the precise dates of publication of the various parts of the volumes of our Transactions, since some of these dates were crucial with regard to the priority of names in a number of species. Certain details on this part of the matter, which may possibly be of interest, I have thought it better to place together in an Appendix (*v.* App. *E*), and it will be sufficient to say here, that though I received most courteous replies from all those firms which I could trace as representing those formerly employed by the Society, very large gaps remained which I attempted to fill by reference to old Minute Books of our own Society, by the help given by the dated list uniformly kept by the Linnean Society of all publications received by them, and where this failed through the loss of one of their books, by reference to the British Museum copy in which the date of reception is stamped on the back of each part. These means, however, were not as efficacious as might have been expected, owing to the extreme irregularity with which copies were sent out; as an instance I might quote the case (by no means an isolated one) in which the Linnean Society received on August 11th, 1868, parts 1 and 2 of the New Series, together with vol. iii, pt. 3, vol. iv, pts. 4 and 5, and vol. v, pt. 8, of the previous series. It will readily be seen that this afforded little help in fixing precise dates, though there are one or two instances in which these will be the nearest attainable. Up till 1850 the only date printed on the parts was that of the year; from that time till 1896 the month only was added, except from 1881 to 1885 inclusive, when the day of the month was printed on the cover, but not at the bottom of the first page of each separate paper, where only the month appeared as in other years. In this case both the Linnean Society and the British Museum afforded help, for I found

the cover in one or other of these libraries in every case where there was no copy in its original cover in our own possession; but, unfortunately, only in one single case does this date seem to have been correct, rarely even approximately so, and sometimes glaringly deceptive. After this revelation it will not be surprising to learn that when only the month was given, parts were frequently dated one month, and sometimes two, or even three, prior to the actual time of publication. At last I bethought me to apply for help, in very doubtful cases, to Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., who have published for the Society from the first, and who interpreted my request with such astonishing generosity as to send me, in the course of a few days, a complete list of the days on which they received each part of each volume from 1834 to 1911. Now here, it might be said, is all that can be desired as giving the exact date of publication in every case. But this is by no means the fact, for the Society has also from the beginning acted as its own publisher, and the dates at which the various parts were delivered by the printers at the Society's rooms are often (when obtainable) earlier than those at which they were received by Messrs. Longmans & Co.; and, in fact, a comparison of the dates leads one to suppose that they were always in former times delivered direct to the Society, who forwarded copies to Messrs. Longmans & Co., except that once or twice in August, when there was apparently no one to receive them at the Society's rooms, Messrs. Longmans & Co. were not kept waiting for their copies, which seem to have been then delivered direct from the printers.

In a very able letter written by Mr. J. H. Durrant to a former Secretary, a copy of which he has kindly placed at my disposal, it is argued that the delivery of books to the Society does not constitute publication, because the general public has not access to the Society's rooms. This argument would of course be unanswerable if the premises were correct, but that is the very reverse of being the case. It is indisputable that at the present time non-members can, and frequently do, both write and come in person to buy copies of the current number of the Transactions, and it is actually the only way in which back numbers of more than three or four years past can be obtained. I make this statement on the authority of the Resident Librarian, and it is easy for any unbeliever to test the matter for himself; but it might be supposed

that in former and more exclusive times access to non-members would have been impossible, were it not that a letter from the late Mr. J. W. Dunning, at that time Secretary and afterwards President of the Society, is appended to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for April 4th, 1864, in which he complains that the time of the Librarian is greatly taken up by the idle chatter of Entomologists, the worst offenders, as a rule, not being members (there were no Fellows then, as it was before Mr. Dunning obtained the Charter) of the Society, but adding that all Entomologists, *whether members or not*, were always welcome in the Society's rooms. This completely disposes of the argument that non-members had not access to the rooms, and in combination with the announcement printed on each part that it was "sold at the Society's rooms," shows that the outside public could obtain copies from that quarter. Whenever, therefore, the dates of delivery at the Society's rooms and at Messrs. Longmans & Co. are both obtainable, the earlier will always be the date of publication. In the appended table both are given when available, but the earlier, the actual date of publication, is printed in thick type. The Society has only occupied its present quarters since late in 1875, and has only had the advantage of a Resident Librarian since the beginning of 1876. Previously the Librarian, who was then a paid official, was only bound to be present on Monday afternoons, and it might have been argued that it was only on these days that the Society's publications were to be obtained; but the dates of the reception of the Transactions by the Linnean Society, where they were formerly sent direct by our Society, prove conclusively that there was no particular day in the week when these publications could be obtained. In the early years of the Transactions it will be seen that on a few occasions they were received by the Linnean Society at an earlier date than by Messrs. Longmans & Co., and that this once occurs at a time when the date of delivery by the printer at our Society's rooms is unobtainable, and when the date of publication is not given in the Minutes; it is, however, obvious that the Entomological Society must have received these parts before they could forward them to the Linnean Society; the date on which the latter received them is therefore the earliest date available, but it must be understood that it can only be stated that this part was published *at least* as early as the date given, and possibly earlier. From

1879 till 1896, whenever precise information from the printers is not forthcoming, there is another source available for fixing, approximately at any rate, the date of publication, for during this period the copies were all sent out from the Society's rooms, and an exact list was kept of the dates on which any given part was posted. This sometimes serves as a useful check, and in one somewhat notorious case, that of Part 1 for 1894, renders nugatory the decree of the Society, based on the report of a Special Committee, that the date of the part should be May 11th, since the Society sent out the revised copies on May 2nd, and must therefore have received them by that date at the latest; and it is beyond the power not merely of a Society or its Council, but even of Omnipotence itself, to alter the date at which a past event has actually taken place. The date of this part is, however, so complicated a question that it will be best treated of in an appendix by itself (*v.* App. *D*).

Since 1896 the number of pages of the Proceedings issued with each part of the Transactions has been published at the beginning of each completed volume, and since 1887 the part of the Transactions in which the Proceedings appeared is indicated at the bottom of the pages of the latter, but up to that time there was no means of dating the Proceedings except from the separate parts as they were issued, or from their original covers; bound volumes gave no information whatever on the subject. I have, however, been fortunate enough to find the separate parts or the original covers for the most part in our own Library; and when they have been wanting there, I have found them in some cases in the British Museum, and in others in the Library of the Linnean Society. This applies to all the Proceedings published with the Transactions, but, unfortunately, from 1840 to 1846 inclusive they were published in separate sheets; which never went through Messrs. Longmans' hands at all, nor were they printed by the same firm that printed the Transactions, and it is these two circumstances, combined with the fact that they were sent to the Linnean Society with the Transactions, that enable me to assert that the latter Society in those days received its copies of our publications direct from our own rooms. The dates of publication of these seven years of our Proceedings are therefore on a totally different footing from any others, and must be treated of separately (*v.* App. *B*).

In the course of searching for information as to these various dates, many old books belonging to our Society have come to light, and it seems to me well that these should be put on record: a list of them is therefore appended (*v.* App. *F*).

It only remains for me to record my thanks to those who have given me such invaluable help in working out this problem: to Dr. Daydon Jackson and Mr. Kappel at the Linnean Society; to Messrs. Taylor & Francis; C. F. Roworth; West, Newman & Co.; and above all to Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., without whose kind help my work would have been impossible.

DATES OF PUBLICATION FROM 1834 TO 1895.

FIRST SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of arrival at Linnean Society.
I	1	i–xiii (xiv blank)	**Nov. 7, 1834**	Nov. 8, 1834	
	2	xv–xlii	**Oct. 2, 1835**	Oct. 6, 1835	
	3	xliii–lxxxviii	**Jan. 17, 1837**	Jan. 18, 1837	
II	1	i–xxxviii		Feb. 16, 1838	[a] **Feb. 5, 1838**
	2	(none)		**Sep. 5, 1838**	Nov. 6, 1838
	3	xxxix–lxviii	Aug. 5, 1839	**July 1, 1839**	Oct. 19, 1839
	4	lxix–xci	[b] **Nov. 2, 1840**	Nov. 11, 1840	Nov. 16, 1841
III	1	i–xiii		**Jan. 27, 1842**	Feb. 1, 1842
	2	[The Journal	[b] **Sep. 2, 1842**	Sep. 16, 1842	Mch. 6, 1843
	3	of Proceed-	[b] **Jan. 2, 1843**	Feb. 20, 1843	Mch. 6, 1843
	4	ings from	[b] **Jan. 1, 1844**	[e] Jan. 17, 1844	Feb. 6, 1844
IV	1	Jan. 1840 to	[b] **April 7, 1845**	May 29, 1845	May 24, 1845
	2	Dec. 1846 was	[b] **Nov. 3, 1845**	Nov. 25, 1845	Nov. 29, 1845
	3	published	[b] **Mch. 2, 1846**	April 20, 1846	April 21, 1846
	4	separately.	[b] **Mch. 1, 1847**	Mch. 8, 1847	Mch. 2, 1847
	5	*v.* App. *B.*]	[b] **June 7, 1847**	June 23, 1847	Feb. 16, 1848
V	1	[c] i–iv	[b] July 5, 1847	**June 30, 1847**	Feb. 16, 1848
	2	v–xvi	[b] Oct. 4, 1847	**Sep. 30, 1847**	Feb. 16, 1848
	3	xvii–xxviii	[b] Jan. 24, 1848	**Jan. 12, 1848**	Feb. 16, 1848
	4	[d] xxix–xxx		**June 1, 1848**	Mch. 5, 1850
	5	[d] xxxi–xlii		**Aug. 18, 1848**	Mch. 5, 1850
	6	(none)	[b] **May 7, 1849**	May 8, 1849	Mch. 5, 1850
	7	xliii–lxvi		**Sep. 4, 1849**	Oct. 3, 1850
	8	lxvii–lxxiv	[b] **Nov. 5, 1849**	Nov. 6, 1849	Mch. 5, 1851
	9	lxxv–lxxxix		**Feb. 8, 1850**	Mch. 5, 1851

[a] The Secretary announced on Jan. 1st that the Part would be ready that week, but there is no evidence that it was so.

[b] This and the following dates up to Oct. 7th, 1850, are those of the Meetings next after the delivery of the Parts at the Society's room, and are taken from the Minute Books.

[c] Not mentioned on cover, with rest of contents, but issued with this part.

[d] These two parts are not available in the original wrappers, but the lettering at the foot of the pages leaves no doubt of the correctness of this division.

[e] This date is somewhat uncertain, but (not being the earliest) is fortunately not of much importance.

SECOND SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
I	1	(none)		[b] **April 1, 1850**	April 30, 1850
	2	1–16	Oct.	[b] Oct. 7, 1850	**Sep. 28, 1850**
	3	(none)	Dec.	**Nov. 20, 1850**	Nov. 29, 1850
	4	17–48	Mch.	**Feb. 21, 1851**	Mch. 1, 1851
	5	49–80	June	**May 31, 1851**	**May 31, 1851**
	6	81–96	Sep.	Sep. 1, 1851	**Aug. 29, 1851**
	7	97–112 [f]	Dec.	**Nov. 17, 1851**	Nov. 18, 1851
	8	113–176	Mch.	**April 12, 1852**	**April 12, 1852**
II	1	1–8	June	**June 14, 1852**	June 24, 1852
	2	9–16	Sep.	Sep. 6, 1852	**Sep. 2, 1852**
	3	17–32	Dec.	Dec. 27, 1852	**Dec. 24, 1852**
	4	33–64	Mch.	**Mch. 7, 1853**	April 5, 1853
	5	65–112	June	**June 6, 1853**	June 16, 1853
	6	113–120	Sep.	**Aug. 29, 1853**	Sep. 5, 1853
	7	121–136	Jan.	**Dec. 26, 1853**	Dec. 27, 1853
	8	137–146	April	**April 3, 1854**	**April 3, 1854**
III	1	1–8	July	**June 30, 1854**	**June 30, 1854**
	2	9–24	Oct.	Nov. 1, 1854	**Oct. 28, 1854**
	3	25–40	Jan.	**Jan. 9, 1855**	**Jan. 9, 1855**
	4	41–74	April	**April 23, 1855**	**April 23, 1855**
	5	75–90	July	**Aug. 6, 1855**	Aug. 12, 1855
	6	91–106	Oct.	**Nov. 19, 1855**	**Nov. 19, 1855**
	7	107–114	Jan.	**Feb. 4, 1856**	Feb. 5, 1856
	8	115–170	April	**April 21, 1856**	April 25, 1856
IV	1	(none)	July	**July 7, 1856**	July 10, 1856
	2	1–16	Oct.	**Oct. 11, 1856**	Oct. 15, 1856
	3	17–32 [g]	Jan.		**Feb. 21, 1857**
	4	33–56	April	**April 27, 1857**	May 1, 1857
	5	(none)	July	[k] Aug. 31, 1857	**Aug. 20, 1857**
	6	57–96	Jan.	**Jan. 25, 1858**	Mch. 11, 1858
	7	(none)	April	**April 5, 1858**	**April 5, 1858**
	8	97–116 and vol. v, 1–16	July	**July 5, 1858**	July 23, 1858
	9	117–132	Dec.	**Dec. 27, 1858**	Jan. 17, 1859
V	1	17 [h]–40 [j]	Feb.	**Mch. 7, 1859**	Mch. 14, 1859
	2	(none)	May	**June 27, 1859**	**June 27, 1859**
	3	41–72	Sep.	**Oct. 3, 1859**	Dec. 7, 1859
	4	(none)	Nov.	**Jan. 4, 1860**	Jan. 12, 1860
	5	73–104	Mch.	**May 7, 1860**	May 29, 1860
	6	105–112	July	Aug. 8, 1860	**Aug. 7, 1860**
	7	(none)	Nov.	Nov. 5, 1860	**Nov. 3, 1860**
	8	113–136	Feb.	**Feb. 25, 1861**	Mch. 14, 1861
	9	137–148	June	**July 1, 1861**	July 26, 1861
	10	149–187	Oct.	**Nov. 4, 1861**	Nov. 18, 1861
	11	188–249		**April 14, 1862**	April 22, 1862

[f] Pp. 97–104 are wrongly numbered 33–40 in the original.

[g] Pp. 17–32 are wanting in the separate parts in the Ent. Soc. Library, but were received at the British Museum with Part 3 on March 13, before Part 4 had left the Printers' hands.

[h] Pp. 1–16 were published with vol. iv., Part 8 (*v. supra*).

[j] Pp. 17–40 are wanting in the separate parts, but were received at the B. M. on May 20th, so were issued with Part 1.

[k] Apparently there was no one to receive the Society's copies earlier in August, and Messrs. Longmans' must have been delivered direct by the Printers.

THIRD SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
I	1	1–48	Mch.	**April 7, 1862**	April 8, 1862
	2	49–64	May	**May 29, 1862**	June 2, 1862
	3	(none)	Aug.	**Aug. 11, 1862**	Aug. 12, 1862
	4	65–88	Nov.	**Nov. 17, 1862**	**Nov. 17, 1862**
	5	89–112	Feb.	**Feb. 23, 1863**	**Feb. 23, 1863**
	6	113–142	May	**June 8, 1863**	June 12, 1863
	7	143–166	Oct.	**Oct. 5, 1863**	Nov. 17, 1863
	8	167–182	Dec.	**Jan. 25, 1864**	**Jan. 25, 1864**
	9	183–218	Mch.	**April 4, 1864**	**April 4, 1864**
II	1	(none)	May	**July 4, 1864**	July 5, 1864
	2	1–32	Aug.	**Aug. 15, 1864**	Aug. 17, 1864
	3	33–48	Nov.	**Nov. 28, 1864**	Dec. 5, 1864
	4	49–80	Mch.	**Mch. 13, 1865**	Mch. 18, 1865
	5	81–112	Sep.	Sep. 29, 1865	**Sep. 27, 1865**
	6	113–174	Feb.	**Mch. 19, 1866**	**Mch. 19, 1866**
III	1	[1] (none)	Sep.	**Oct. 3, 1864**	Oct. 4, 1864
	2		Aug.	**Aug. 14, 1865**	Aug. 18, 1865
	3		Sep.	**Sep. 29, 1866**	Oct. 7, 1866
	4		June	**June 17, 1867** [o]	**June 17, 1867**
	5		April		**April 29, 1868**
	6		Jan.		**Jan. 26, 1869**
	7		Oct.		**Oct. 13, 1869**
IV	1	[1] (none)	June	**July 3, 1865**	July 10, 1865
	2		July [n] / Aug.	**Sep. 2, 1867**	Sep. 3, 1867
	3		Nov.	**Dec. 9, 1867** [o]	Dec. 24, 1867
	4		Feb.		**Mch. 23, 1868**
	5		May		**May 27, 1868**
V	1	(none)	Oct.	**Nov. 13, 1865**	Nov. 17, 1865
	2	(none)	April	**April 16, 1866**	April 17, 1866
	3	1–8	June	**July 2, 1866**	July 17, 1866
	4	9–32	Dec.	**Dec. 31, 1866**	Jan. 10, 1867
	5	(none)	Mch.	**Mch. 4, 1867**	Mch. 6, 1867
	6	33–84	May	**May 6, 1867** [o]	May 8, 1867
	7	85–144 [m]	Dec.		**Dec. 30, 1867**
	8				**Mch. 23, 1868**

FOURTH SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society. [p]	Date of delivery at Longman's.
1868	1	i–xvi	April		**April 29, 1868**
	2	xvii–xxiv	July		**July 13, 1868**
	3	xxv–xxxvi	Sep.		**Sep. 28, 1868**
	4	(none)	Dec.		**Dec. 22, 1868**

[1] Vols. iii and iv were on special subjects and published at irregular intervals, without Proceedings.

[m] Pp. 105–144 are repeated in Part 8.

[n] Some of the papers in this part are dated July and some August.

[o] No Printer's dates beyond these are to be had (*v.* App. *E*).

[p] The dates of reception at the British Museum are available throughout, and those at the Linnean Society for 1875 to 1878, but in no case are they earlier than those of delivery at Messrs. Longmans.

FOURTH SERIES (*continued*).

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.[p]	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
1868	5	xxxvii–lxxxviii			Feb. 16, 1869
1869	1	i–viii	April		April 26, 1869
	2	(none)	May		May 28, 1869
	3	(none)	June		June 22, 1869
	4	ix–xviii	Aug.		Aug. 3, 1869
	5	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 14, 1869
	6	xix–lviii			Feb. 7, 1870
1870	1	(none)	Mch.		Mch. 14, 1870
	2	i–xvi	June		June 16, 1870
	3	xvii–xxxi[q]	Aug.		Aug. 29, 1870
	4	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 20, 1870
	5	xxxi[q]–lxxx			Feb. 20, 1871
1871	1	(none)	Mch.		Mch. 28, 1871
	2	i–xvi	May		May 22, 1871
	3	xvii–xxxii	Aug.		Aug. 8, 1871
	4	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 19, 1871
	5	xxxiii–lxxxii			Feb. 19, 1872
1872	1	i–viii	April		April 18, 1872
	2	ix–xvi	May		May 15, 1872
	3	xvii–xxiv	Aug.		Aug. 16, 1872
	4	xxv–xxxvi	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1872	Dec. 31, 1872
	5	xxxvii–lxxxvi		Mch. 10, 1873	Mch. 12, 1873
1873	1	(none)	Mch.	Mch. 31, 1873	April 1, 1873
	2	i–xvi	May	May 1873	May 20, 1873
	3	xvii–xxiv	Aug.	Aug. 5, 1873	Aug. 11, 1873
	4	(none)	Oct.	Oct. 13, 1873	Oct. 13, 1873
	5	xxv–lii		Mch. 2, 1874	Mch. 3, 1874
1874	1	(none)	Feb.	Feb. 23, 1874	Feb. 23, 1874
	2	i–viii	April	April 27, 1874	April 29, 1874
	3	(none)	July	June 1874	July 7, 1874
	4	ix–xxiv	Dec.	[o] Dec. 1874	Dec. 24, 1874
	5	xxv–lxxx			Mch. 10, 1875
1875	1	i–viii[r]	May		May 29, 1875
	2	ix–xvi	Sep.		Sep. 28, 1875
	3	(none)	Nov.		Nov. 30, 1875
	4	(none)	Dec.		Jan. 6, 1876
	5	xvii–lxviii			Mch. 21, 1876
1876	1	i–viii	May		May 20, 1876
	2	(none)	June		June 27, 1876
	3	ix–xxiv	Oct.		Nov. 2, 1876
	4	xxv–xxxii	Nov.		Dec. 23, 1876
	5	xxxiii–lxxxvii			Feb. 23, 1877
1877	1	(none)	April		April 17, 1877
	2	(none)	June		July 2, 1877
	3	i–xvi	Oct.		Oct. 16, 1877
	4	xvii–xxxii	Dec.		Dec. 31, 1877
	5	xxxiii–xciii			Mch. 22, 1878
1878	1	i–viii	April		April 24, 1878
	2	ix–xxiv	July		July 23, 1878
	3	xxv–xl	Oct.		Oct. 16, 1878
	4	xli–xlviii	Dec.		Jan. 6, 1879
	5	xlix–lxxxviii			Mch. 3, 1879

[q] P. xxxi was published in Part 3 to the end of the Minutes for July 4th; and the whole in Part 5. [r] With an Appendix on "Priority," pp. i–xlii.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of Posting from the Society's Rooms.
1879	1	(none)	April		**May 2, 1879**	May 3, 1879
	2	i–xxiv	July		Aug. 15, 1879	**Aug. 7, 1879**
	3, 4	xxv–xlviii	Dec.		Dec. 30, 1879	**Dec. 27, 1879**
	5	xlix–xcix			**Feb. 23, 1880**	Feb. 25, 1880
1880	1	(none)	Mch.		**April 1, 1880**	April 7, 1880
	2	i–viii	June		July 8, 1880	**July 5, 1880**
	3	ix–xxiv	Oct.		**Oct. 12, 1880**	Oct. 14, 1880
	4	xxv–xxxii	Dec.	[t] Dec. 23, 1880	Jan. 5, 1881	**Dec. 31, 1880**
	5	xxxiii–lxiv		Mch. 2, 1881	**Mch. 7, 1881**	Mch. 9, 1881
1881	1	(none)	April 6	*April 19, 1881*	April 20, 1881	**April 14, 1881**
	2	i–viii	July 6	July 12, 1881	July 14, 1881	**July 13, 1881**
	3	ix–xx	Sept. 7	Sept. 7, 1881	Sept. 12, 1881	**Sept. 8, 1881**
	4	xxi–xxxvi	Dec. 22	Dec. 22, 1881	Dec. 30, 1881	**Dec. 28. 1881**
	5	xxxvii–lxxxii		Feb. 2, 1882	Feb. 8, 1882	**Feb. 6, 1882**
1882	1	(none)	April 1	April 5, 1882	April 12, 1882	[u] **April 6, 1882**
	2	i–viii	July 5	July 5, 1882	July 18, 1882	**July 12, 1882**
	3	ix–xvi	Sept. 7	Sept. 6, 1882	**Sept. 14, 1882**	Sept. 18, 1882
	4, 5	[s] xvii–lxii	Feb. 7 (1883)	Jan. 7, 1883	**Feb. 12, 1883**	Feb. 14, 1883
1883	1	(none)	Mch. 7	Mch. 12, 1883	Mch. 19, 1883	**Mch. 17, 1883**
	2	i–xii	June 1	May 30, 1883	June 7, 1883	**May 31, 1883**
	3	xiii–xx	Aug. 1	Aug. 9, 1883	**Aug. 14, 1883**	Sept. 1, 1883
	4	(none)	Nov. 27	Nov. 29, 1883	Jan. 2, 1884	**Dec. 12, 1883**
	5	xxi–lxxxi	Feb. 6 (1884)	Feb. 13, 1884	**Feb. 20, 1884**	Feb. 21, 1884
1884	1	i–viii	Apl. 30	May 4, 1884	**May 14, 1884**	May 15, 1884
	2	(none)	July 2	July 2, 1884	**July 3, 1884**	July 5, 1884
	3	ix–xxiv	Oct. 31	Nov. 12, 1884	Nov. 11, 1884	**Nov. 10, 1884**
	4	(none)	Dec. 3	Nov. 30, 1884	Dec. 11, 1884	**Dec. 10, 1884**
	5	xxv–lxiii	Feb. 28 (1885)	Mch. 4, 1885	Mch. 6, 1885	**Mch. 5, 1885**
1885	1	(none)	Apl. 30	June 1, 1885	June 4, 1885	**June 3, 1885**
	2	i–viii	Aug. 5	Aug. 20, 1885	**Aug. 22, 1885**	Aug. 27, 1885
	3	ix–xvi [v]	Sep. 22	Oct. 6, 1885	Oct. 9, 1885	**Oct. 8, 1885**
	4	(none)	Dec. 2	Dec. 11, 1885	Dec. 18, 1885	**Dec. 16, 1885**
	5	xvii [v]–lxv.	Feb. 3 (1886)	Feb. 12, 1886	**Feb. 13, 1886**	**Feb. 13, 1886**
1886	1	i–xii	Mch.	Mch. 31, 1886	**April 8, 1886**	**April 8, 1886**
	2	xiii–xxviii	June	June 30, 1886	July 7, 1886	**July 5, 1886**
	3	xxix–xlviii	Oct.	Oct. 1, 1886	Oct. 29, 1886	**Oct. 27, 1886**
	4	xlix–lvi	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1886	**Dec. 29, 1886**	**Dec. 29, 1886**
	5	lvii–cix	Feb.	Feb. 22, 1887	Feb. 26, 1887	**Feb. 23, 1887**
1887	1	i–xx	Apr.	Apr. 30, 1887	Apr. 30, 1887	**Apr. 27, 1887**
	2	xxi–xxiv	June	May 30, 1887	June 20, 1887	**June 8, 1887**
	3	xxv–xl	Sep.	Sept. 30, 1887	**Oct. 6, 1887**	Oct. 8, 1887
	4	xli–lx	Dec.	Jan. 4, 1888	Jan. 10, 1888	**Jan. 4, 1888**
	5	lxi–xcii	Feb.	Feb. 17, 1888	Feb. 22, 1888	**Feb. 20, 1888**
1888	1	i–viii	Mch.	Mch. 23, 1888	**Mch. 26, 1888**	Mch. 30, 1888
	2	ix–xx	June	June 27, 1888	**June 30, 1888**	July 9, 1888

[s] On cover "xxv," incorrectly.
[t] These dates are not absolutely reliable, those in italics are obviously incorrect (*v.* App. *E*).
[u] The majority were posted on April 19th, but the issue on April 6th was not by any means confined (as in other cases of early issue where the date is not admissible) to the Council.
[v] Wrongly printed on cover as xxiv and xxv.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of Posting from the Society's Rooms.
	3	xxi–xxxii	Oct.	Oct. 31, 1888	**Nov. 21, 1888**	**Nov. 21, 1888**
	4	xxxiii–xl	Dec.	Dec. 19, 1888	Dec. 24, 1888	**Dec. 21, 1888**
	5	xli–xcv	Mch.	Jan. 31, 1889	Feb. 5, 1889	**Feb. 1, 1889**
1889	1	i–viii	Mch.	Apr. 1, 1889	**Apr. 15, 1899**	**Apr. 15, 1889**
	2	ix–xxiv	June	June 27, 1889	July 1, 1889	**June 27, 1889**
	3	xxv–xliv	Oct.	Oct. 30, 1889	**Oct. 26, 1889**	Oct. 28, 1889
	4	xlv–lxii	Dec.	Dec. 31, 1889	**Jan. 9, 1890**	Jan. 10, 1890
	5	lxiii–cvii	Jan. 31	Feb. 5, 1890	Feb. 11, 1890	**Feb. 8, 1890**
1890	1	i–xii	Apr.	*Apr. 30, 1890*	Apr. 18, 1890	**Apr. 17, 1890**
	2	xiii–xx	June	June 24, 1890	July 5, 1890	**June 25, 1890**
	3	xxi–xxviii	Sep.	Sep. 30, 1890	**Oct. 1, 1890**	**Oct. 1, 1890**
	4	xxix–xl	Dec.	Dec. 22, 1890	**Dec. 29, 1890**	Dec. 30, 1890
	5	xli–lxxvi		Feb. 10, 1891	**Feb. 13, 1891**	Feb. 14, 1891
1891	1	i–viii	Mch.	Mch. 30, 1891	Apr. 13, 1891	**Mch. 31, 1891**
	2	ix–xiv	June	June 1, 1891	July 4, 1891	**June 1, 1891**
	3	xv–xxii	Oct.	Oct. 6, 1891	Oct. 21, 1891	**Oct. 19, 1891**
	4	xxiii–xxxviii	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1891	Jan. 8, 1892	**Jan. 1, 1892**
	5	xxxix–lxvi	Feb.	Feb. 5, 1892	Feb. 15, 1892	**Feb. 12, 1892**
1892	1	i–xii	Mch.	Mch. 25, 1892	Apr. 4, 1892	**Apr. 2, 1892**
	2	xiii–xx	June	*June 30, 1892*	July 9, 1892	**June 25, 1892**
	3	xxi–xxviii	Nov.	Oct. 30, 1892	Nov. 18, 1892	**Nov. 7, 1892**
	4	xxix–xl	Jan.	Jan. 18, 1893	Jan. 23, 1893	**Jan. 21, 1893**
	5	xli–lxviii	Feb. 2	Feb. 7, 1893	**Feb. 8, 1893**	**Feb. 8, 1893**
1893	1	i–xii	Mch.	Mch. 26, 1893	Apr. 5, 1893	**Mch. 28, 1893**
	2	xiii–xxiv	June	June 1, 1893	June 7, 1893	**June 6, 1893**
	3	(none)	Sep.	Sep. 30, 1893	Oct. 7, 1893	**Sep. 29, 1893**
	4	xxv–xl	Dec.	Dec. 28, 1893	Jan. 1, 1894	**Dec. 29, 1893**
	5	xli–lxvii	Feb. 6	[o] Feb. 15, 1894	**Feb. 12, 1894**	**Feb. 12, 1894**
1894	1	i–xii [w]	[x] Apr.		[x] May 15, 1894	[x] **May 2, 1894**
	2	xiii–xvi	June		June 1, 1894	**May 29, 1894**
	3	xvii–xxiv	Sep.		**Sep. 30, 1894**	Oct. 1, 1894
	4	xxxv–xxxiv	Dec.		Dec. 7, 1894	**Dec. 4, 1894**
	5	xxxv–xcvi	Feb. 5		**Feb. 7, 1895**	**Feb. 7, 1895**
1895	1	i–xvi	Apr. 25		**Apr. 25, 1895**	**Apr. 25, 1895**
	2	(none)	June 1		May 31, 1895	**May 28, 1895**
	3	xvii–xx	Sep. 23		**Sep. 23, 1895**	Sep. 24, 1895
	4	xxi–xl	Dec. 18		Dec. 18, 1895	**Dec. 12, 1895**
	5	xli–lxxxiii	Jan. 31		**Jan. 30, 1896**	Jan. 31, 1896

[w] Not given on cover with list of contents but published with this part.
[x] *v.* App. *D.*

APPENDIX *A*.

ON THE DATES OF THE VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS PUBLISHED BY THE FORMER ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE date of Part i is definitely fixed by the Minute Book of the Society as being July 1st, 1807, this having been fixed by Resolution as the day for Publication which, as non-members had not access to the meetings, was to be effected by sending copies to several publishing firms; the part, however, was apparently ready before this date.

Part ii was printed and laid on the table on April 4th, 1809, but owing to an irregularity as to the papers printed, was referred to a Committee, which met on April 17th, and reported to the Meeting held on May 2nd, when it was ordered that it "be forthwith published." As it was ready a month before, there was nothing to delay it.

Part iii was ordered "to be published forthwith" on Sept. 1st, 1812, which was done during the month, as appears by the Minutes of the Meeting of Oct. 7th, but there is nothing to show whether on Sept. 1st it was ready for immediate publication.

The dates are as follows:—

Part i, **July 1st, 1807.**
Part ii, Early in **May 1809** (probably May 3rd).
Part iii, **Sept. 1812.**

APPENDIX *B*.

ON THE DATES OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM JANUARY 1840 TO DECEMBER 1846.

The Journal of Proceedings for these seven years was printed in sheets of 16 pp. each, and distributed gratis to members, and sold to the public at one shilling per sheet. These were reprinted in 1864, but the original sheets are very scarce; the Entomological Society does not possess a single copy. There is one, bound by itself, in the Insect Department at South Kensington, presented (almost too generously) by our Society, another, up to p. 144, bound with vol. iv (First Series), in the Hope Department at the Oxford University Museum, a third, bound up with the same volume, at the Linnean Society, and a torn copy in

the British Museum, these being all I have been able to unearth. All gave me the impression of being reprints, but having at last been able, by the courtesy of Mr. O. E. Janson, to inspect a complete copy, unbound, in the exact state in which they were distributed at the Meetings and received by his late father, I found that they all agreed in every respect, including the lettering at the foot of the pages and the fact that the third sheet was numbered II, like the second, the fourth being, however, numbered IV, as in the other copies. These sheets never came into the hands of Messrs. Longmans & Co., and Messrs. Taylor & Francis can find no record of them, though entries in the old Minute Books show that they were printed by the former representatives of their firm. The sheets were ten in number and their contents were as follows :—

I. The year 1840.
II. Jan. 4th, 1841—end of description of *Nigidius grandis*, July 5th, 1841.
III. Rest of July 5th, 1841—end of description of *Monohammus mixtus*, Nov. 1st, 1841.
IV. Rest of Nov. 1st, 1841—definition of genus *Anodonta*, April 4th, 1842.
V. Rest of April 4th, 1842—end of Aug. 1st, 1842.
VI. Oct. 3rd, 1842—nearly end of Nov. 6th, 1843.
VII. Rest of Nov. 6th, 1843 (6 lines)—middle of the description of *Ploiaria bispinosa*, July 1st, 1844.
VIII. Rest of July 1st, 1844—nearly end of July 7th, 1845.
IX. Rest of July 7th, 1845 (8 lines)—end of 1845.
X. The year 1846.

The old Minute Books show that Sheet I was published June 7th, 1841, the only other mentioned being a "new part" on Dec. 4th, 1843; this might from its contents have been either V or VI, but an entry on Oct. 7th, 1844, shows that up to that time only five sheets had been printed, so that this date (Dec. 4th, 1843) must refer to Sheet V, containing the Proceedings up to Aug. 1842. Notices of the printing of these Proceedings are given on the covers of the various parts of vols. iii, iv, and v, as follows: Vol. iii, pt. 1 (published Jan. 27th, 1842) announces Sheet I (published six months previously!) and states that the Proceedings for 1841 are in the Press; pt. 2 (published Sept. 2nd, 1842) announces those for 1840 and 1841, those for 1843 being in the Press; this

notice is repeated in pt. 3 (published Jan. 2nd, 1843); pt. 4 (published Jan. 1st, 1844), and vol. iv, pt. 1 (published April 7th, 1845), announce those for 1840, 1841 and 1842, stating that those for 1843 are in the Press; vol. iv, pt. 2, and subsequent parts, merely announce that the Journal of Proceedings from 1840 is printed for gratuitous distribution among the members, and for sale to the public, price 1*s.* per sheet. All this is very difficult to reconcile with facts, seeing that the sheets (except I and X) are wholly independent of the end of any year, and frequently end in the middle of a meeting. Probably, however, it implies that Sheets II and III were issued together before Sept. 2nd, 1842, and Sheets IV and V before Jan. 1st, 1844, which corresponds with the fact actually established that Sheet V was issued on Dec. 4th, 1843, though the expression "a new part" of the Proceedings would seem to indicate an earlier date for Sheet IV. This is borne out by the fact that Sheets II, III and IV were received by the Linnean Society on March 6th, 1843, which, taken in connection with the notice on the cover of vol. iii, pt. 2, narrows down the date of Sheet IV to the interval between Jan. 2nd and March 6th, 1843. After Sheet V, the only indication of dates we possess is that Sheet VI was received by the Linnean Society on Nov. 29th, 1845, and Sheet VII on April 21st, 1846.

A Minute of the Council Meeting on Aug. 5th, 1844, directed the Secretary and Treasurer to make arrangements for the continuation of the publication of the Proceedings, and another entry of Oct. 7th states that the Secretary read a letter from Messrs. R. & J. Taylor, "agreeing to publish the Proceedings *in the Annals of Natural History*, on the same terms as originally adopted, they having agreed to alter their bill for the *five* sheets already published." The italics are mine. Here was new light, and a short search in the publication mentioned showed that *all* the Proceedings since 1840 had been so published, and that in every case where the distribution of these sheets could be traced, the date was subsequent to that of the part of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History in which the same information appeared; it follows, therefore, that these sheets were merely a reprint, and that the date of all names, etc., contained in them is that of the part of this magazine in which they appeared. I have given above all the available information with

regard to the date of these sheets, in order to enable any who may be interested to work out this fact for themselves, merely adding that the publishers inform me that this Magazine has always been obtainable by the public on the first day of the month of issue. The actual dates for all purposes of priority are therefore as follows:—

Proceedings for—	
Jan. 6th—April 6th, 1840	**Jan. 1st, 1841.**
May 4th—Dec. 7th, 1840	**April 1st, 1841.**
Jan. 4th, 1841	**July 1st, 1841.**
Feb. 1st, 1841	**Sep. 1st, 1841.**
Mch. 1st—April 5th, 1841	**Nov. 1st, 1841.**
May 5th—July 5th, 1841	**Dec. 1st, 1841.**
Aug. 2nd—Oct. 4th, 1841	**Feb. 1st, 1842.**
Nov. 1st 1841 (to end of Saunders' memoir)	**July 1st, 1842.**
Nov. 1st, 1841 (from beginning of Westwood's memoir)—Feb. 7th, 1842	**Sep. 1st, 1842.**
March 7th—April 4th, 1842	**Jan. 1st, 1843.**
May 2nd—June 6th, 1842	**April 1st, 1843.**
July 4th—Aug. 1st, 1842	**June 1st, 1843.**
Sep. 5th—Nov. 7th, 1842*	**Nov. 1st, 1843.**
Jan. 2nd—Mch. 6th, 1843	**Dec. 1st, 1844.**
Apr. 3rd—June 4th, 1843	**June 1st, 1845.**
July 3rd—Sep. 4th, 1843	**July 1st, 1845.**
Oct. 2nd—Dec. 4th, 1843	**Sep. 1st, 1845.**
Jan. 1st—Mch. 4th, 1844	**Oct. 1st, 1845.**
April 1st—Aug. 5th, 1844	**Jan. 1st, 1846.**
Oct. 7th—Dec. 2nd, 1844	**April 1st, 1846.**
Jan. 6th—April 7th, 1845	**July 1st, 1846.**
May 5th—July 7th, 1845	**Nov. 1st, 1846.**
Aug. 4th—Sep. 1st, 1845, to end of Saunders' memoir	**Dec. 1st, 1846.**
Sep. 1st, from Further Notes on the Honeybee—Dec. 1st, 1845	**Jan. 1st, 1847.**
Jan. 5th—June 1st, 1846	**Feb. 1st, 1847.**
Aug. 3rd—Dec. 7th, 1846	**Mch. 1st, 1847.**

* The Proceedings for Dec. 1842 were omitted from the Magazine; fortunately they contain no descriptions. The long interval between this and the next instalment explains the instruction given on Aug. 5th, 1844, to the Treasurer and Secretary (*v. supra*).

APPENDIX *C.*

NOTES ON THE DATES OF PUBLICATION SINCE 1896.

Since the beginning of the year 1896 each part has borne the month and day of publication, and with very few exceptions these may be taken as correct, Messrs. Longmans & Co. having generally received them on the same or the following day. There are a few occasions on which they have been sent out to the Fellows on the day previous to that on which they were dated, but even in these cases it is only those resident in the London district who have received them before the nominal date of publication, and such may well be regarded as cases of "preferential distribution." The very few cases of more important discrepancy are as follows:—

Vol.	Part.	Dated.	Received by Messrs. Longmans.
1900	3	Oct. 22nd	Oct. 12th
1903	2	June 2nd	May 30th
1907	5	April 14th	April 22nd

The last of these is quite unimportant.

APPENDIX *D.*

ON PART 1 OF THE VOLUME FOR 1894.

In the Proceedings in the volume for 1894, p. xxii, it is recorded that Sir George (then Mr.) Hampson raised a question as to the date of Part 1 of the Transactions for that year, certain names depending on the date for their priority. The date on p. 1 is "March," that on the cover "April" (unfortunately not a unique discrepancy), and the part was actually issued in May. A few copies were sent out to Members of the Council on April 9th, and the issue was immediately stopped because a figure on Plate 1, which had been cancelled, had never been replaced, and a blank appeared on the plate where the figure should have been. No copies had been sent to Messrs. Longmans, none had been sold, none were distributed outside the Council, and those issued were recalled, and it was held

that no publication had taken place. A discussion took place at the Meeting of June 6th on the question raised by Sir George Hampson, and he proposed, "having regard to the Secretary's statement," that May 2nd should be held to be the date. There is no record of what the Secretary did say, and the Council Minute Book of that period is unfortunately the one missing volume (*v.* App. *F*), but the Postage Book shows that he might very well have said that the revised Part was delivered to the Society and issued by them on May 2nd, and on this information Sir George Hampson's proposal was undoubtedly right. Amendments were proposed, and Mr. Verrall's, referring the matter to a Committee, was adopted. Now the only thing open to such a Committee to do was to find out whether the Part in question had been published at an *earlier* date than May 2nd, as the evidence of its publication by that date was complete, but at the meeting on Dec. 5th they reported that the first day it was available at the Publishers was May 11th, which was consequently "fixed" as the date of publication. With the information now available it is impossible to account for this date at all, the day on which Messrs. Longmans received their copies of the Part being May 15th. There can, however, be no doubt that, the decree of the Council notwithstanding, the real date of the publication of Part 1 for 1894 is May 2nd of that year.

APPENDIX *E*.

ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE PRINTING FIRMS EMPLOYED BY THE SOCIETY.

The first volume of the First Series of Transactions (together with the Proceedings), consisting of three Parts, was published by Richard Taylor, Red Lion Court, a firm now represented by Messrs. Taylor & Francis at the same address. The sheets of Proceedings distributed at the Meetings of the Society between 1840 and 1846 were also printed (or rather reprinted, *v.* App. *B*) by the same firm, but they have been unable to find any record of these, though they have kindly furnished the exact dates of publication of the first volume. From 1837 to 1879 the printing was entrusted to various firms of Roworth, now represented by Messrs. Roworth & Co., of 19, Newton

Street, and C. F. Roworth, of 88, Fetter Lane. The former of these firms informs me that all the books which might have given information were destroyed by a fire in 1880, whilst the latter, whose books up to 1850 have also been destroyed, have kindly provided me with almost all dates of delivery to the Society between 1850 and 1867, and also with a few subsequent to that year. These, I believe, may be regarded as exact and reliable, though it is possible that in some cases copies may not actually have been obtainable till the following day.

Messrs. West, Newman & Co., who printed the Transactions from 1880–1893, have furnished me with dates for those years, which, however, are not to be relied on for fixing dates of publication, as the following extract from their letter shows: "We do not guarantee these dates at all as the exact ones of issue. We have taken them from our Ledger books—the only possible method at this distance of time. To look up deliveries would be a question of an immense time, even if we have all our delivery books to refer to, which is unlikely." A few of the dates given are manifestly incorrect, as they are later than those of the Postage Book of the Society, but since they are, as a rule, earlier than any others obtainable, I have given the entire list, though I have not ventured to use them as the dates of publication.

The printing firm employed from 1894 to 1897 I have been unable to trace.

APPENDIX *F.*

ON THE BOOKS OF MINUTES, ETC., IN THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY.

In addition to the Books at present in use, the Society possesses—

(1) A book containing

(*a*) The Minutes of the Meetings of the Aurelian Society from July 1801 to Jan. 14th, 1805.

(*b*) Those of the Entomological Society of London from May 6th, 1806, to July 19th, 1822. (The Meetings after 1812 were very irregular.)

(2) The Treasurer's Account Book from 1806 to 1808.

(3) Council and General Meetings from May 3rd, 1833, to May 1st, 1837.
(4) General, Council, and Publication Committee Meetings from May 1st, 1837, to Jan. 6th, 1845.
(5) Council and General Meetings from Jan. 27th, 1845, to Jan. 24th, 1848.
(6) Council Meetings from Feb. 7th, 1848, to Dec. 3rd, 1860.
(7) General Meetings from Feb. 7th, 1848, to Dec. 6th, 1856.
(8) Meetings of Council from Jan. 22nd, 1855, to July 5th, 1869 (rough notes only).
(9) Council Meetings from Jan. 7th, 1861, to July 1st, 1872.
(10) General Meetings from Feb. 2nd, 1863, to Nov. 6th, 1871.
(11) General Meetings from Nov. 20th, 1871, to Aug. 4th, 1883.
(12) Council Meetings from Feb. 2nd, 1898, to Jan. 18th, 1911; and Business Committee Meetings from Nov. 18th, 1908, to Jan. 18th, 1911.
(13) General Meetings from Dec. 5th, 1894, to March 6th, 1907.
(14) Postage Book of the Transactions from 1879 to 1908.

It will be seen that the Minutes of the Council Meetings are wanting from July 1872 to Feb. 1898, and those of the General (Ordinary) Meetings from Jan. 1857 to Feb. 1863, and from Aug. 1883 to Dec. 1894, which is the more to be regretted since the early records are quite perfect. Since 1908 only the Exchange Copies of the Transactions have been posted from the Society's Rooms, though the postage account of these continues to be kept.

The Books at present in use are: (1) The Obligation Book, (2) Attendance Book, (3) Minutes of Ordinary Meetings, (4) Minutes of Council and Business Committee Meetings, (5) Additions to the Library.

February 10, 1912.